

Attorney Docket No. LEAP:125US
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/810,773
Reply to Office Action of May 30, 2007 & Advisory Action dated August 10, 2007
Date: August 28, 2007

Remarks/Arguments

The Rejection of Claims 16-17 and 23 Under 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 16-17 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,369,940 (*Nishida et al.*) in view of United States Patent No. 4,097,116 (*Kuroha*). Applicants have cancelled Claims 16-17 and 23 thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 16-17 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is appropriate and respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 20 and 22 Under 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected Claims 20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nishida et al.* in view of *Kuroha*. Applicants have cancelled Claims 20 and 22 thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is appropriate and respectfully requested.

The Rejection of Claims 19 and 21 Under 35 USC § 103

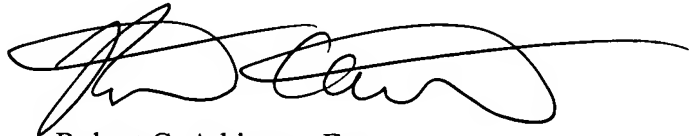
The Examiner rejected Claims 19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nishida et al.* in view of *Kuroha* as applied to Claim 16 above, and further in view of United States Patent No. 5,802,925 (*Kanao*). Applicants have cancelled Claims 19 and 21 thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is appropriate and respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. C. Atkinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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